

Resolution for MU Faculty Council, 01/24/2013

Whereas, there are continuing and compelling concerns regarding actions against the Nuclear Science Engineering Institute (NSEI) that were carried out unilaterally and purposely done in secret, creating confusion and conflict, and as acknowledged not to be in accordance with commitments originally given to the NSEI faculty, regarding CRR320.150, and as shown by some emails as described in

<http://www.columbiatribune.com/news/2012/dec/19/emails-detail-planning-for-nsei-closure/>

And, that also appear not to be in compliance with CRR 20.035, 300.010, 320.020 etc., and

Whereas, these actions have been followed by the administration unilaterally stopping admissions of students for fall 2013 which has jeopardized accreditation of the Medical Physics graduate program, and support for US students in STEM programs supported by the Department of Education's recent GAANN awards to the University, and

Whereas, these actions have created stressful situations for the faculty, students and staff and alumni among other issues, and where the university's actions regarding NSEI may have legal implications,

The MU Faculty Council calls upon the MU Chancellor to resolve the situation with the following actions:

Immediate Actions

1. Open admissions to the graduate program in NSEI immediately for 2013 and later.
2. Maintain NSEI as a unit, and keep its academic and research functions intact.
3. Appoint an NSEI faculty member as an Interim Director.
4. Actively address the stressful situation in NSEI. Immediately change the line of administrative reporting away from the current Graduate Dean to a senior administrator.

These are necessary to meet commitments to DOEd on GAANN awards, for CAMPEP accreditation, and a positive and supportive environment for all constituencies

Long Term Actions

1. Move NSEI as a unit to an appropriate College at MU.
2. Enhance NSEI to about eight faculty members over the next three to five years.
3. Initiate a search for a permanent Director after two years.
4. Preserve or increase space and resources for NSEI.